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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINGSTON 3677 SENT ACTION DEA WASHDC INFO  
SECSTATE, COMNAV BASE GTMO, DIST. DIR. US CUSTOMS MIAMI,  
CCGD SEVEN MIAMI, COMDT COGARD, COMLANTAREA COGARD N.Y.,  
CCGD EIGHT NEW ORLEANS OCTOBER 11TH

QUOTE

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GTMO PERSONAL TO RADM GHORMLEY

DEA H.Q. FOR DURKIN (EN) SHANLEY (EPD) STRICKLER (EOIL)

DEA WASH PASS DEA MIAMI

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, PINS, JM-GDS, CASC

SUBJECT: OPERATION BUCCANEER, SITREP 15 (SEPT. 30-OCT. 6)

### 1. ADMINISTRATION:

A. AS OF OCTOBER 6TH THERE WERE 15 DEA REPS. IN  
COUNTRY: 4 PILOTS, 2 SECRETARIES, 2 TECS., 3 ASSIGNED TO  
BOAT DETAILS, 1 INTELLIGENCE, 3 REPS. (INCLUDING THE  
PROJECT COORDINATOR) ASSIGNED TO GENERAL DUTIES.

B. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD THE DEA PROJECT

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COORDINATOR HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH MINISTER

MATALON, CONSTABULARY AND JDF OFFICIALS.

C. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE AND MR. COHEN (S/NM) ARRIVED IN KINGSTON. THAT AFTERNOON AT AMBASSADOR GERARD'S RESIDENCE, THE TWO AMBASSADORS MET WITH MINISTER ELI MATALON TO DISCUSS OPERATION BUCCANEER. MR. HEWITT (DCM), MR. HOUDEK (POL) AND DEA REPS. COOPER AND SALMI ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AMBASSADOR VANCE AND MR. COHEN ATTENDED THE EMBASSY NARCOTIC MEETING AND WERE GIVEN A FULL BRIEFING ON OPERATION BUCCANEER. DEA REPS. COOPER, WALKER, AND SALMI REPRESENTED DEA DURING THE MEETING. THAT AFTERNOON, DEA AIR COORDINATOR, JOHN WALKER, FLEW THE AMBASSADORS AND MR. COHEN INTO GANJA FIELDS AND ON TO BUCCANEER JOINT COMMAND POST IN USG HELICOPTER.

D. EQUIPMENT

(1) AIRCRAFT - THE TWIN ENGINE NAVAJO ASSIGNED TO OPERATION BUCCANEER IS STILL IN FLORIDA UNDERGOING REPAIRS. ONE T-41 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT IS OPERATIONAL AND ALL FOUR UH-1H HELICOPTERS ARE OPERATIONAL.

(2) BOATS - IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE RADAR UNITS WILL BE INSTALLED AND THE SIX 31 FOOT CONSTABULARY PATROL BOATS WILL BE OPERATIONAL WITH RADAR CAPABILITIES, BY OCTOBER 12. A DECCA RADAR REP. WILL ARRIVE IN JAMAICA ON OCTOBER 8 FOR FINAL INSTALLATION.

(3) GROUND EQUIPMENT - MOTROLA REP. HOWARD LASKY IS WORKING WITH JAMAICAN TECS. TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

2. INTELLIGENCE

A. COAST GUARD-USCGC CONTINUES TO PATROL THE WINDWARD PASSAGE AND REPORT SIGHTING TO BUCCANEER THRU ATLAS. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD THERE HAVE BEEN NO SEIZURES AS A RESULT OF "DOLPHIN" SIGHTINGS.

3. INVESTIGATIONS

A. ON OCTOBER 3RD, DEA KINGSTON RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM U.S. CUSTOMS THRU DEA TAMPA, THAT A 44 FOOT BOAT WITH THREE IDENTIFIED AMCITS ABOARD WAS IN JAMAICAN WATERS AND WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS WOULD TRANSPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARIHUANA TO CONUS. THE DATA WAS PASSED TO BUCCANEER AND LAND, SEA AND AIR ALERT WAS IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED TO LOCATE THE VESSEL. DLPHIN WAS ALSO NOTIFIED. RECONSTRUCTED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LEADING TO 6 ARRESTS, SEIZURE OF 12,000 LBS. OF GANJA, \$29,000, 1 TRUCK AND THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE BOAT. ON OCTOBER 2 TWO SUSPICIOUS LOOKING AMCITS (WILLIAM RHODES AND LEROY BURNS) WERE OBSERVED MAINTAINING SURVELLANCE ON THE JAMAICAN COAST

GUARD CUTTER MOORED AT OCHO RIOS. DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 3 CONSTABULARY BEGAN ROUTINE PATROLS AND ROAD BLOCKS IN ST. ANN PARISH. SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 3 THE JAMAICAN CUTTER BEGAN A PATROL. THE TWO SUSPICIOUS AMCITS WERE ABLE TO RADIO THE SUSPECT VESSEL THAT A CUTTER HAS HEADED THEIR WAY. THE SUSPECT VESSEL, WAS IN A RENDEZVOUS POSITION AWAITING THE DELIVERY OF 12,000 LBS OF GANJA. THE VESSEL IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE AREA AND WAS OVERTAKEN BY THE JAMAICAN CUTTER AND BOARDED 8 MILES NORTH OF OCHO RIOS. AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH REVEALED A HOLD COMPLETELY LINED WITH PLASTIC AND CONTAINING NUMEROUS PLASTIC BAGS AS WELL AS WALKIE TALKIES. WHILE THIS SCENE WAS TAKING PLACE, THE CONSTABULARY PATROL UNITS STOPPED A TRUCK NEAR THE AREA WHERE THE VESSEL HAD BEEN AND SEIZED 120 BAGS OF GANJA (TOTAL WEIGHT 12,000 LBS.) AND ARRESTED ONE JAMAICAN. AT ABOUT 8:30 A.M. WHILE THE VESSEL WAS BEING ESCORTED BACK TO THE SHORE A FIRE BROKE OUT AND A LARGE EXPLOSION TOTALLY DESTROYED THE VESSEL. ALL PERSON ABOARD WERE RESCUED BY THE JAMAICAN CUTTER AFTER THE USG HELICOPTER DROPPED LIFE PRESERVERS TO THE PEOPLE IN THE WATER. THE VESSEL WAS A 41 FOOT SHRIMPER, FLORIDA REGISTRATION 4431 BB. ON THE STERN WAS THE NAME DIGBY-NOVA SCOTIA AND ON THE BOW WAS PAINTED "MEDOC". A CANADIAN FLAG WAS FLYING WHEN THE VESSEL WAS OVERTAKEN. LATER THAT MORNING THE TWO AMCITS (RHODES AND BURNS) WERE DETAINED AND A SEARCH OF THEIR HOTEL REVEALED \$29,000 IN US CURRENCY AND AN AIRLINE TICKET FOR "CHARLES DAVIS" WHO WAS ONE OF THE AMCITS ABOARD THE ILL-FATED VESSEL.

#### 4. ERADICATION

A. DURING THIS SITREP PERIOD, USG HELICOPTERS FLEW A TOTAL OF 106.7 HOURS IN SUPPORT OF THE ERADICATION EFFORT. SINCE AUGUST 17 USG AIRCRAFT HAVE TRANSPORTED A TOTAL OF 2,144 JAMAICAN TROOPS AND HAVE BEEN FLOWN A TOTAL OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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420.5 HOURS. THIS WEEK WAS BY FAR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF ERADICATION AND SEARCH/DESTROY OPERATIONS. THE USG HELICOPTERS STATIONED IN KINGSTON AND PILOTED BY JOHN WALKER AND FRANK FREDENBURG FLEW ERADICATION MISSION ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS: ON OCTOBER 1, 30 ACRES DESTROYED AND 3,500 POUNDS OF HARVESTED GANJA BURNT; OCTOBER 2, 16 ACRES DESTROYED AND 6,750 POUNDS BURNT; OCTOBER 3, 20 ACRES DESTROYED; OCTOBER 4, 27 ACRES DESTROYED AND 1,500 POUNDS BURNT. THE HELICOPTER ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT COMMAND POST TRANSPORTED JAMAICAN TROOPS ON SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS. DEA PILOT, HAL KENT, CONFIRMED THE DESTRUCTION OF 2,200 POUNDS OF HARVESTED GANJA.

B. CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF JOINT ERADICATION EFFORT USING USG HELICOPTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 10, 1974:

THIS WEEK	TOTAL
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ACRES DESTROYED            93            189.5  
 EQUIVALENT WEIGHT        74,400 LB.    151,600 LBS.  
 HARVESTED GANJA DESTROYED    13,950 LBS.    22,850 LBS.  
 SEEDS DESTROYED            0            - 78 LBS.

## C. TOTAL ERADICATION/INTERDICTION PROGRAM:

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS REPRESENT THE TOTAL ACCUMULATION  
 OF EFFORTS DURING THIS PROGRAM:

	THIS WEEK	TOTAL
MARIHUANA SEIZED/DESTROYED	100,350 LBS.	495,326 LBS.
MARIHUANA SEED DESTROYED	0	5,583 LBS.
COCAINE SEIZED	0	11 LBS.
AIRCRAFT SEIZED/DESTROYED	0	9
BOATS SEIZED/DESTROYED	1	15
MONEY SEIZED (U.S. OR EQUIVALENT)	\$29,000	143,320
WEAPONS SEIZED	0	11
DEFENDANTS	6	72
HASHISH OIL	0	4 LBS.
HASHISH	0	13 LBS.
ACRES OF MARIHUANA ERADICATED		
SINCE JUNE 21	93	372

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